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SUBJECT: ENERGY: DUTCH AND US VIEWS ON WASHINGTON

ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. ON JAN 31, ACCOMPANIED BY POL OFF, I REVIEWED WITH

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FONMIN VAN DER STOEL AGENDA AND SCENARIO FOR ENERGY

CONFERENCE, LEAVING WITH HIM LETTER CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION IN REFTEL A, AND CONVEYED POINTS IN REFTEL B RE EC AND OIL PRODUCERS (LATTER SUBJECT TREATED SEPTEL). VAN SCHAIK, MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, WAS ALSO PRESENT.

2. VAN DER STOEL STATED GON WOULD STUDY US VIEWS AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD US NOW WAS SUGGESTING ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE BY FINANCE MINISTERS. HE THOUGHT THIS AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND HAD ASCERTAINED THAT MINFIN DUIJSENBERG WAS PREPARED TO ATTEND IN PLACE ECON MIN LUBBERS. (WE WILL SEND BIO ON DUIJSENBERG.)

3. I NOTED WE WERE PLANNING PREPARATORY MEETING ON FEB 8; FONMIN SAID GON DEFINITELY WILL BE REPRESENTED. I MADE CLEAR WE WOULD WELCOME ANY BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS REGARDING CONFERENCE GON MIGHT WISH TO HAVE, HERE OR IN WASHINGTON, PRIOR TO OR FOLLOWING FEB 8 MEETING.

4. VAN DER STOEL EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE GON ATTACHES TO DIALOGUE WITH PRODUCERS. I SAID US FULLY AGREES AND EXPLAINED HOW US ENVISAGES PROGRESSIVE EXPANSION OF DIALOGUE TO INCLUDE LDC'S AND PRODUCERS. VAN DER STOEL AND VAN SCHAIK EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT PRODUCERS, CONSUMERS AND LDC'S "CAN MEET IN ONE ROOM" WELL BEFORE END OF 90 DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING WASHINGTON CONFERENCE IN VIEW OF OPEC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL. A DELAY IN BRINGING PARTIES TOGETHER UNTIL AFTER OPEC MEETING, IN THEIR VIEW, SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

5. VAN DER STOEL CONCLUDED BY SAYING EC COUNCIL WOULD BE DISCUSSING WASHINGTON CONFERENCE FEB 4-5. WHETHER COMMON EC APPROACH COULD BE DEVELOPED HE DID NOT KNOW. IN ANY EVENT A DETAILED COMMON POSITION WAS UNLIKELY. TO THE EXTENT AN AGREED EC LINE DID NOT EMERGE, EACH OF THE NINE WOULD BE COMING TO THE CONFERENCE WITH INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS.

6. COMMENT: IT WAS CLEAR FROM TENOR AND SUBSTANCE OF VAN DER STOEL'S REMARKS THAT GON TAKING VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDE
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TOWARD WASHINGTON CONFERENCE. EQUALLY CLEAR IS GON'S GENUINE AND EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL TO LDC'S. TO EXTENT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ADDRESSES ITSELF TO LDC'S INTERESTS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE CONTINUED DUTCH SUPPORT AND COOPERATION. HOWEVER, IF GON CONCLUDES LDC'S ENERGY INTERESTS ARE NOT BEING ADEQUATELY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, WE CAN EXPECT GON'S PRESENT ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR ENERGY INITIATIVE TO

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